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I will be out of the office March 1 and March 4 – you will not see postings on this page for those dates.

Thank you to the residents of High Desert who participated in last night's crime prevention meeting. We covered how the High Desert community is proceeding with Neighborhood Watches, ways to layer homes and vehicles with protective measures, the importance of the garage and the mindset that the garage is the biggest door to your home, and more discussion on alarms, cameras, etc. We also covered the city's OneABQ app and how you can use it to report multiple issues to the city and get notifications of road closures, inclement weather that may cause city buildings to close down and more. We also discussed the APD Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) camera registry program and camera-sharing program. Thanks to Caroline E. for a wonderful job of organizing and getting residents on board and to Janet B. who does a terrific job of crime prevention and security communications for the High Desert community.



Property Crimes in the Foothills Area Command February 28, 2019

1 Armed Robbery/Commercial: 900-block of Juan Tabo Blvd NE.

2 Stolen Vehicles: 3100-block of Juan Tabo Blvd NE, 1300-block of Juan Tabo Blvd NE.

1 Residential Burglary: 12200-block of Montgomery Blvd NE.

*Something new, and I hope it's not a trend...we had one vehicle reported stolen from a local car wash as it came out of the wash process. The vehicle had the keys inside, which is standard for these types of car washes where the vehicle is run through on a belt and then proceeds to drying stations. The offender hopped in the vehicle, jumped the curb, caused two flat tires and the vehicle was recovered a few blocks away. Luckily no employees or passers-by were injured yesterday. Please **be extremely alert** at these car washes or take your car to a wash where you do it yourself and keep the keys in your pocket and the vehicle locked while you vacuum and dry it. Use caution at mechanic locations regarding your keys being left in the vehicle and ask what the shop's security measures are being used to protect customer vehicles from being stolen or burglarized. Clear out valuables and personal information when leaving your vehicle behind.*

Crime in the Foothills Area Command: February 2019 (Property Crimes Reported in the Foothills for the Month):

Robberies/Commercial: 4

Robbery/Residential (Home Invasion): 0

Robbery/Vehicle (Car Jacking): 0

Robbery to an Individual: 6

Stolen Vehicles: 43 + 1 Warm-up Auto Theft (42 total vehicles stolen). One vehicle stolen from car wash with the keys inside, another stolen with the keys inside at a mechanic shop.

Commercial Burglaries: 19

Residential Burglaries: 14

Auto Burglaries: 83

Items left in vehicles that were stolen:

- Glock 19X handgun from vehicle left unlocked and parked for 2 days; handgun left in vehicle that was unlocked; unspecified handgun; 9 M Smith & Wesson handgun loaded with 16 rounds; another magazine with 6 rounds.
- Police body armor (another agency, not APD). Military gear.
- Papers with personal information, vehicle title, registration and insurance cards, birth certificates, bank statements.
- Wallets, back packs and purses.
- Social Security cards, IDs, checkbooks, gift cards, credit cards, alcohol server license, and employee access badge.
- Keys to a bar, keys to home, keys to community's entry gate, keys to mailbox, garage door openers.
- \$200 cash, \$3 cash, \$30.00 cash, \$7.00 change, and various amounts of spare change.
- Multiple gym bags, clothing, several pairs of sunglasses.
- Laptops, Beats headphones, cell phones, multiple cameras and photography equipment, ear buds, binoculars.
- School supplies, school work and text books.
- Auxiliary cords, electronics, speakers, radio, stereo systems.
- Nambe serving dishes, a jewelry box.
- Seat covers.
- Tools from work truck (ladders, etc.) and various hand tools from multiple vehicles.

As you can see from the list above, as a community we are still in the old habit of leaving valuables inside unattended vehicles. Make a new habit and clear your vehicle out, remove any items that are visible. Do not leave items inside the vehicle that reveal personal information about you, where you live, extra keys, garage door openers, community gate openers, work access badges, etc. A few minutes of preparation can save you hours and hours of replacing documents and monitoring your accounts for identity theft.

Be safe! Jill Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist / ICPS NCPS – APD, Foothills Area Command